

**AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of the claims in the application:

1. (original) A cue rest comprising an elongated shaft defining a central longitudinally extending shaft axis, a table engaging means, and an intermediate connecting means connecting the table engaging means with the shaft, the intermediate connecting means being shaped for avoiding an obstruction on the table adjacent a location where the table engaging means is to engage the table.
2. (original) A cue rest as claimed in claim 1 wherein the intermediate connecting means extends between two spaced apart ends, one end being connected to the shaft, and the other end being connected to the table engaging means.
3. (original) A cue rest as claimed in claim 1 wherein the two ends of the intermediate connecting means are aligned with each other and with the shaft axis.
4. (original) A cue rest as claimed in claim 1 wherein the intermediate connecting means comprises an elongated intermediate connecting member extending between the shaft and the table engaging means.
5. (original) A cue rest as claimed in claim 1 wherein a cue engaging means for cradling the cue extends from the table engaging means.
6. (original) A cue rest as claimed in claim 1 wherein the intermediate connecting member is of arcuate shape.
7. (original) A cue rest as claimed in claim 1 wherein the intermediate connecting member is of half-bottle shape.
8. (original) A cue rest as claimed in claim 1 wherein the table engaging means is adjustably mounted to the intermediate connecting means.

9. (original) A cue rest as claimed in claim 1 wherein the table engaging means is pivotally connected to the intermediate connecting means.
10. (original) A cue rest as claimed in claim 1 wherein the table engaging means is pivotally connected to the intermediate connecting means and is pivotable about the shaft axis.
11. (original) A cue rest as claimed in claim 1 provided with a means to restrain the rotational movement of the intermediate connecting means about the shaft axis.
12. (original) A cue rest as claimed in claim 11 wherein the table engaging means comprises two arms and the cue engaging means comprises two arms which are arranged to form a cruciform structure, the arms defining angles therebetween.
13. (original) A cue rest as claimed in claim 1 wherein at least one of the table engaging means or cue engaging means houses a rotation restraining means.
14. (original) A cue rest as claimed in claim 13 wherein the intermediate connecting means is connectable to the table engaging means by an axial bolt which is adapted for engaging with the rotation restraining means.
15. (currently amended) A cue rest as claimed in claim 13 wherein the rotation restraining means comprises:
  - a spring retainer,
  - a compression spring engagable with the spring retainer, and
  - a spindle having two ends, one end being engagable with the compression spring and the other end being engagable with the axial bolt,  
wherein the axial bolt has a shaft body and a portion of the shaft body is adapted to engage with the spindle end, such that axial movement of the spindle, by rotation of the table engaging means about the shaft axis, causes compression of the spring, such that when the end of the spindle engages with the portion of the shaft body adapted to engage with the spindle end, the

compression of the spring is relaxed to reversibly lock the relative position of the table engaging means to the intermediate connecting means.

16. (original) A cue rest as claimed in claim 15 wherein the shaft body of the axial bolt comprises at least one flat surface.

17. (original) A cue rest as claimed in claim 15 wherein the shaft body of the axial bolt comprises at least one indentation adapted to accommodate a shaped end of the spindle.

18. (original) A cue rest as claimed in claim 17 wherein the shaped end of the spindle is a protruding hemisphere or spherical cap.

19. (original) A cue rest as claimed in claim 14 wherein the axial bolt is integrally formed with the intermediate connecting means.

20. (original) A cue rest as claimed in claims 12 wherein a cue support is locatable within at least one of the angles of the cruciform structure.

21. (original) A cue rest as claimed in claim 5 further comprising a cue support.

22. (original) A cue rest as claimed in claim 21 wherein the cue support is integrally formed with the cruciform structure.

23. (original) A cue rest as defined in claim 20 wherein the cue support is detachably mountable on the cue engaging means.

24. (original) A cue rest comprising an elongated shaft defining a central longitudinally extending shaft axis connected to a cruciform structure, wherein the cruciform structure is composed of a pair of table engaging means and a pair of cue engaging means defining angles between the arms therein, wherein a cue support is locatable within at least one of the angles of the cruciform structure.

25. (original) A cue rest as defined in claim 24 wherein the cue support is integrally formed with the cruciform structure.

26. (original) A cue rest as defined in claim 24 wherein the cue support is independently formed from the cruciform structure and is adapted to be mounted upon the cruciform structure.

28. (original) A cue support for a cue as claimed in claim 26 wherein the support is detachably mountable upon the cue rest.

27. (original) A cue support for a cue, said cue support having a detachably mounted cue engaging means.